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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the October 2010 Vegetable Report. Acreage was reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

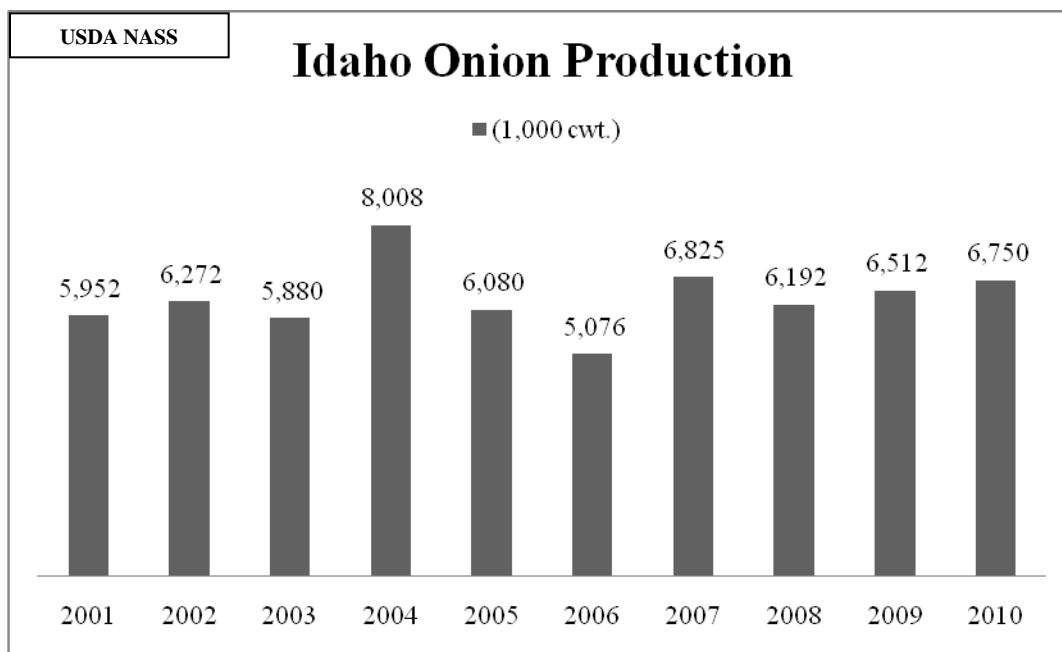
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Idaho Onion Production

Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is estimated at 9,000 acres, a 2 percent increase from last year and a 5 percent increase from 2008. Yield is estimated at 750 cwt per acre, up 1 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from 2008. Production increased 4 percent from last year to 6.75 million cwt. As of September 26, 70 percent of the state's onions had been harvested. This is ahead of the five-year average of 69 percent. Malheur County is expected to have an onion production of 7.55 million cwt, down 4 percent from last year. The yield for Malheur County is estimated at 680 cwt and acreage harvested is estimated at 11,100 acres.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.7 million hundredweight (cwt), down 5 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 104,470 acres, down 1 percent from 2009. The yield, at 524 cwt per acre, is down 17 cwt from last year. In California, harvest was behind schedule due to cool and wet weather during the growing season. Colorado growers reported some hail damage during the growing season. In Michigan, onion fields began to emerge during early May. As of June 1st, onions were progressing well despite some frost damage reported during the early part of May. New York onion grower's fields experienced excessive moisture during the early part of the year, then drier conditions later in the season. Oregon onion growers reported a cool and wet spring. Washington's harvest was two weeks behind schedule due to wet conditions during the growing season. Wisconsin onion growers reported poor growing conditions due to excessive rainfall throughout the State.



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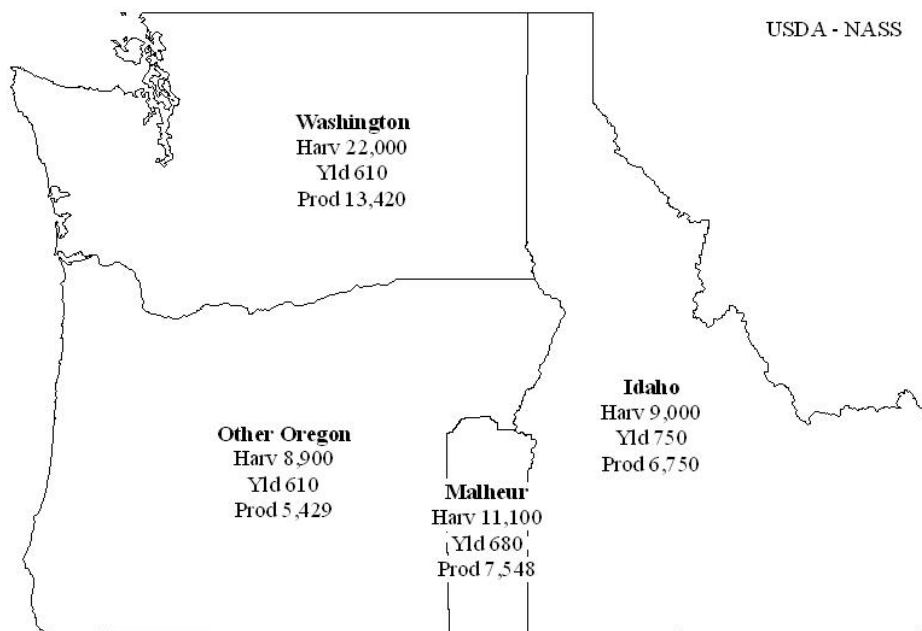
Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2009-2010

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	% change
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		
Spring	27,200	25,900	315	296	8,559	7,656	89%
Summer							
Non-Storage	17,400	17,900	551	534	9,584	9,550	100%
Storage							
California ¹	31,400	29,000	455	450	14,287	13,050	91%
Colorado	6,600	6,900	410	390	2,706	2,691	99%
IDAHO	8,800	9,000	740	750	6,512	6,750	104%
Michigan	3,800	4,100	350	235	1,330	964	72%
New York	10,300	10,200	415	360	4,275	3,672	86%
Oregon							
Malheur	11,200	11,100	700	680	7,840	7,548	96%
Other	9,100	8,900	600	610	5,460	5,429	99%
Washington	21,000	22,000	630	610	13,230	13,420	101%
Wisconsin	2,000	1,800	500	260	1,000	468	47%
Other States ²	1,860	1,470	416	479	774	704	91%
Total	106,060	104,470	541	524	57,414	54,696	95%
Summer	123,460	122,370	543	525	66,998	64,246	96%
United States	150,660	148,270	502	485	75,557	71,902	95%

1/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

2/ Other States include Ohio and Utah.

**Onions: Summer Storage Onions for Selected Regions
Forecasted 2010 Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production**



Harv= Harvested Acres. Yld= Yield in CWT. Prod= Production in 1,000 CWT.

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Your cooperation in completing agricultural surveys from this office is greatly **APPRECIATED**. Accurate, useful estimates are vital in decision making. All estimates derived from these surveys, along with other pertinent agricultural data, are published in our regular series of releases. All NASS reports are available free of charge on the worldwide Internet. For access, connect to the Internet and go to the NASS Home Page at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. if you have any questions or require additional information, you may reach us toll free at 1-800-691-9987.